

Motion for Feb 21, 2008, meeting

I move we make the following recommendation to the Parks Board:

That the name of the 21-acre park located west of Palmer Events Center between Riverside Drive and Barton Springs Road be named Town Lake Park;

In addition, several areas of Town Lake Park be named as follows:

- That the ~~area~~^{Fountain} just south of Riverside Drive be named "Butler Fountain" in honor of the family that donated the Town Lake Park land to the City;
- That the hill with the spiral walkway just south of Riverside Drive be named "Doug Sahm Hill"

And with approval from the Parks Board and Parks Department, appropriate markers or signage honoring those after whom parts of Town Lake Park were named may be placed in the Park.

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- Liz Carpenter Pond
- Willie Wells Field
- (Interpretation of Butler Gift)

2/26/08
PARB packet

Subject: **A resolution to designate the area presently called Town Lake Park as the Willie Wells Field of Dreams and to erect an entrance memorial to the legendary Negro League star, member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, and lifelong Bouldin Creek neighborhood resident**

Submitted by: James Retherford

WHEREAS, the long-awaited Town Lake parkland at Dawson Road between Barton Springs Road and Riverside Drive is nearing completion, and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Bouldin Creek neighborhood worked together long and hard to see this park come into being, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned park is currently designated by a generic-sounding name, Town Lake Park, and

WHEREAS, the space on which Town Lake Park will stand was once the site of Disch Field, former home of Austin's first integrated professional baseball teams from 1947-67, and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 1905, in a shaded Bouldin Creek neighborhood house at 1705 Newton Street, the Wells family celebrated the birth of Willie James Wells who would grow up to become one of the greatest shortstops of all time, a fearless competitor known by the nickname "El Diablo," mentor of the great Jackie Robinson, inventor of the batting helmet, and posthumous inductee into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and

WHEREAS, Willie Wells, as an African-American athlete subject to Major League baseball's "color barrier," was forced to play his entire career in Negro, Latin American, Mexican, and Canadian baseball leagues where his hitting and fielding exploits went unobserved by mainstream American sports historians and fans, and

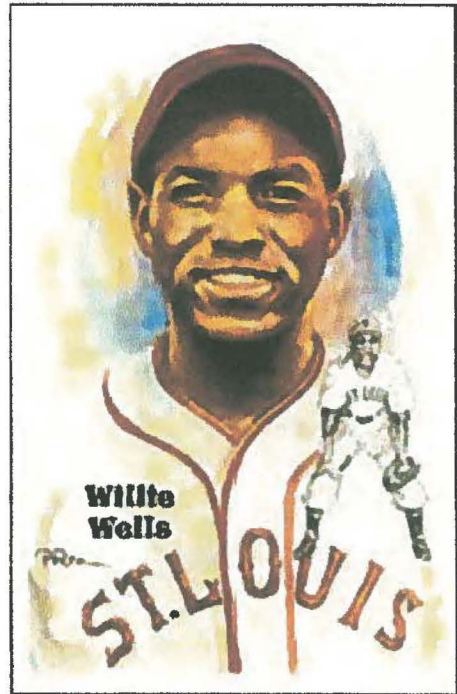
WHEREAS, as Michael Chamy wrote in the July 4, 2003, issue of the Austin Chronicle, Willie Wells "wasn't just overlooked by baseball itself. Here in his hometown, he was equally anonymous. His legacy, and that of his contemporaries, has been lost to the passage of time, swallowed whole by the ugly demon of racism," and

WHEREAS, Willie Wells' brief moment of tribute by his hometown came eight years after he had passed away (in 1989 at his childhood home on Newton Street at the age of 84) when the City of Austin honored his Cooperstown induction by renaming Congress Avenue for one day, and

WHEREAS, Disch Field's opening in 1947 marked the year that the "color barrier" came down in professional baseball, just as Willie Wells' own thirty-year-long professional playing career was drawing to a close;

RESOLVED, that the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association proposes, as a lasting tribute to this pioneering and inspirational African-American baseball legend, the permanent redesignation of the future Town Lake park space as the Willie Wells Field of Dreams, and

RESOLVED, that the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association will lead an initiative to design and erect a park entry memorial commemorating Willie Wells' remarkable life and career and serving to inspire to Austin youth of all ages and ethnicities to dream high and play hard.



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THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME'S WILLIE WELLS BIO

Willie James Wells (El Diablo)

Induction Information

Elected to Hall of Fame by Veterans Committee in 1997, Negro Leaguer

Born: August 10, 1906, in Austin, Texas

Died: January 22, 1989, in Austin, Texas

Primary Position: Shortstop

Bats: R **Throws:** R

Played For: San Antonio Black Aces (1923), St. Louis Stars (1924-1931), Detroit Wolves (1932), Homestead Grays (1932), Kansas City Monarchs (1932, 1934), Cole's American Giants (1933-1935), Newark Eagles (1936-1936, 1942, 1945), Chicago American Giants (1944), New York Black Yankees (1945-1946), Baltimore Elite Giants (1946), Indianapolis Clowns (1947), Memphis Red Sox (1944, 1948)

Primary Team: St. Louis Stars

Managed: Birmingham Black Barons (1954)

Bio

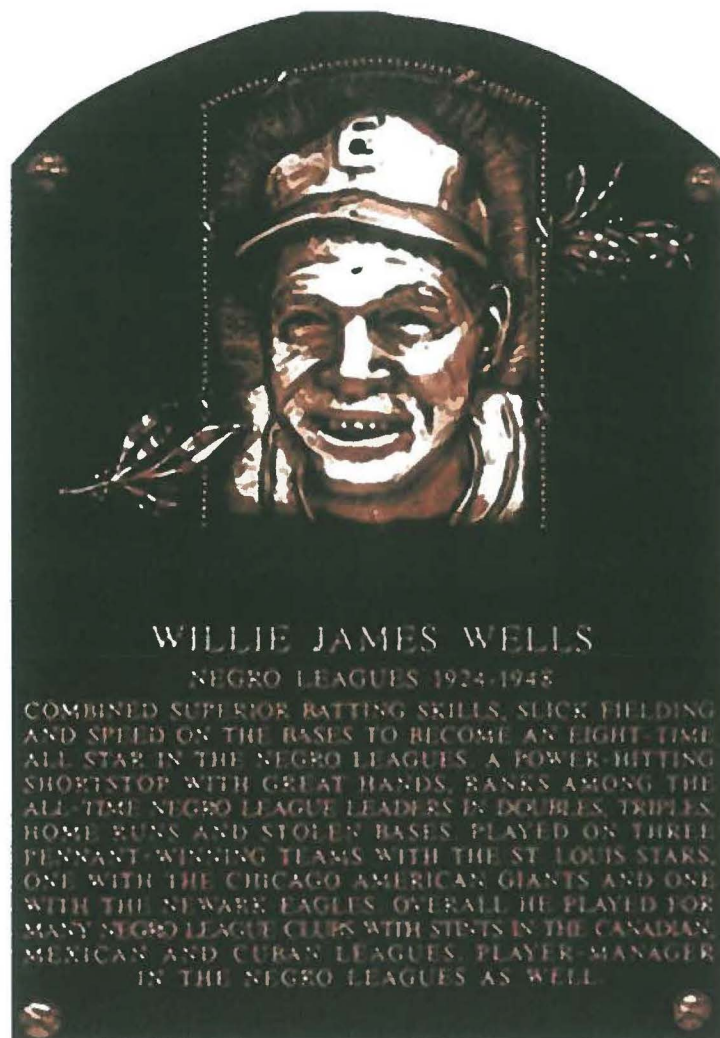
The first shortstop in baseball history to combine dazzling fielding with home run power, Willie Wells set a single-season Negro leagues record with 27 homers in 88 recorded games for the St. Louis Stars in 1926. A scrappy, intelligent player, Wells had a prolific career in Latin America, where Mexican League fans dubbed him "El Diablo." He batted .320 over seven Cuban Winter League seasons, while winning two home run titles and two MVP awards. As player-manager of the Newark Eagles in the 1940s, he became known as an extraordinary leader and teacher, and several of his young players later became stars in the majors.

Quote

"You think you got a hit until you look at him coming up with the ball. Looked like he had roller skates on to get balls."

— Judy Johnson

Did You Know... that Willie Wells is considered the first pro ballplayer to wear a batting helmet, when he fashioned a hard hat for protection after a 1942 beaming?



WELLS, WILLIE (1905-1989). Willie (Devil) Wells, baseball player in the Negro Leagues, was once called "the greatest living player not in the baseball Hall of Fame," though he was elected to the hall posthumously. He was born in Austin on October 10, 1905. Wells was a talented shortstop who was discovered on the Texas sandlots in 1925 and joined the St. Louis Stars of the first Negro National League. He established an outstanding reputation with a lifetime batting average of .358 in games for which there are confirmed records. In the Negro Leagues he played for the Stars, the Chicago American Giants, the Newark Eagles, and other teams. Wells had a reputation as a fierce competitor. At a time when batting helmets were very unusual, he chose to play for the Newark Eagles after suffering a concussion, but he put on a construction helmet for added protection. He was a clutch hitter and an extraordinary fielder called the "Shakespeare of Shortstops." His glove was known for a hole in its middle, which Wells claimed made his fielding easier. In 1929 Wells went to Cuba and played in the integrated Cuban league, where he competed and excelled against Cuban players and white major leaguers. In 1929 he was the most valuable player in the Cuban league. Wells was selected eight times for the East-West Classic, the Negro Leagues' all-star game, including the first game in 1933 and the 1945 game, in which he played second base for the East and Jackie Robinson, then of the Kansas City Monarchs, played shortstop for the West. When Robinson joined the major leagues, Wells worked with him on his second base position.

Wells was a player-manager for the Chicago American Giants in the early 1930s and became famous as the player-manager of the Newark Eagles in the 1940s, at which time they were one of the very best black teams. He took particular pride in the success of Newark players Monte Irvin, Larry Doby, and Don Newcombe in the major leagues. In the 1940s Wells played in the Mexican league, where he again excelled and demonstrated that he was an outstanding player against the white major leaguers, who also played in the Mexican league. In 1941-42 he played in Puerto Rico. Wells was well known for his play in the California winter league, where a team of stars from the Negro Leagues competed. He also played frequently on the Satchel Paige All-Star team, a group of players selected by Satchel Paige to barnstorm against white major league players after the World Series. When his playing career ended he worked in New York for a number of years before returning to Austin. He had two children, one of whom, Willie Wells, Jr., also played briefly in the Negro Leagues, including one year with his father. Wells died of heart failure in Austin on January 22, 1989. His obituary was carried in the *New York Times*. In 1997 he was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, by the hall's Committee on Baseball Veterans.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: John Holway, *Blackball Stars: Negro League Pioneers* (Westport, Connecticut: Meckler, 1988). Robert Peterson, *Only the Ball Was White* (Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1970; rpt., New York: McGraw-Hill, 1984)

Willie Wells: "El Diablo" of the Negro Leagues

By Bob Luke

Foreword by Monte Irvin

University of Texas Press, 2007

Publisher Comments

Willie Wells was arguably the best shortstop of his generation. As Monte Irvin, a teammate and fellow Hall of Fame player, writes in his foreword, "Wells really could do it all. He was one of the slickest fielding shortstops ever to come along. He had speed on the bases. He hit with power and consistency. He was among the most durable players I've ever known." Yet few people have heard of the feisty ballplayer nicknamed "El Diablo." Willie Wells was black, and he played long before Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier. Bob Luke has sifted through the spotty statistics, interviewed Negro League players and historians, and combed the yellowed letters and newspaper accounts of Wells's life to draw the most complete portrait yet of an important baseball player.

Wells's baseball career lasted thirty years and included seasons in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Canada. He played against white all-stars as well as Negro League greats Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, and Buck O'Neill, among others. He was beamed so many times that he became the first modern player to wear a batting helmet.

As an older player and coach, he mentored some of the first black major leaguers, including Jackie Robinson and Don Newcombe. Willie Wells truly deserved his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, but Bob Luke details how the lingering effects of segregation hindered black players, including those better known than Wells, long after the policy officially ended. Fortunately, Willie Wells had the talent and tenacity to take on anything--from segregation to inside fastballs--life threw at him. No wonder he needed a helmet.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

TO: Gopal Guthikonda
Assistant Director, Austin Water Utility

M.O.U. #PARD- 08-019

FROM: Stuart Strong
Acting Director, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: ACWP -2nd Street Wastewater Improvements
C.I.P. # 4570-2307-4559; Subproject I.D. 4926.090

DATE: 03-11-08

Austin Water Utility is allowed to use the parkland located at East Bouldin Creek Greenbelt as part of the work site for the above referenced project. The tract is to be used for permanent and temporary use agreement.

The estimated Project Start Date is June 15, 2008

The estimated duration of the project is 360 Calendar Days.

Estimated Date of Final Completion (Restoration complete and accepted by Environmental Inspector and PARD; Parkland open for Public Use) is June 15, 2009.

Extension/modification of parkland use must receive prior written approval from PARD.

Austin Water Utility is in agreement to provide the following mitigation in return for use of the parkland:

The mitigation for the use of parkland for a permanent and temporary use agreement will be \$20,300 and 1 for 1 mitigation for 54" of tree removals.

Austin Water Utility Point of Contact is: Sharon Hamilton 512.479.1642

PARD Point of Contact is: Ricardo Soliz 512.974.6765

Parks & Recreation Board Approval: For Review March 25, 2008
(Required by Chapter 26, Parks and Wildlife Code)

City Council Approval: For Review May 8, 2008

Acting Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Date

CONCURRENCE

Assistant Director, Austin Water Utility Department

Date

A Short History of Professional Baseball in Austin

By Michael Chamy

<http://www.austinchronicle.com/gyrobase/Issue/story?oid=166642>

1839: The city of Austin is established as the capital of the Republic of Texas.

1845: Alexander Joy Cartwright implements the first game of modern baseball at the Elysian Fields in Hoboken, N.J.

1869: Baseball debuts in Austin on June 29, when the U.S. 15th Infantry's team defeats a group of locals known as the Austin Unknowns, 31-28, in the first organized game.

1887: The Austin Hix, the city's first professional team, begins play. One year later, they merge with their competitors, the Austin Red Sox, to form the first Austin Senators, charter members of the present-day Texas League. They play at Riverside Park, just southeast of the Congress Avenue Bridge.

1914: The Austin Senators play their final season before a 50-year hiatus.

1920s: The Austin Black Senators join the Texas Negro League and play into the Forties.

1924: Nineteen-year-old Willie Wells leaves Austin to join the St. Louis Stars of the Negro National League.

1929: Wells sets a Negro League record with 27 home runs in 334 at-bats for St. Louis.

1930: Seguin native Smokey Joe Williams, then 44, strikes out 27 while one-hitting the Kansas City Monarchs over 12 innings to put the icing on his Hall of Fame career.

1947: 7UP bottler Ed Knebel finances construction of Disch Field and brings organized baseball back to Austin with his Class B Austin Pioneers.

1956: A year after the Pioneers fold, the Austin Senators begin another tour of duty in the Double A Texas League.

1961: Future Hall of Famer Phil Niekro goes 4-4 with a 2.63 ERA for the Senators, then an affiliate of the Atlanta Braves.

1963: Baseball immortal Rogers Hornsby, considered by many the greatest second baseman of all time, is buried in his family's cemetery in Hornsby Bend, located off FM 989, the eastern extension of MLK Boulevard.

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February 26, 2008

City of Austin
Parks Board
200 S. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78704

Via Hand Delivery

Re: Butler Park; Naming of 21-acre downtown park west of the Palmer Events Center
between Riverside Drive and Barton Springs Road

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please allow this correspondence to supplement my application on behalf of the Butler Family to name the above referenced park Butler Park. After speaking and corresponding briefly with several friends, citizens and leaders of our community about the naming process and the historical use, gifts, and recognition, we have begun to collect a list of supporters.

Below please find our initial list of supporters for our application to name the entire renovated park with the interactive fountain and observation hill west of Parmer Events Center "Butler Park" in order to continue to recognize the interesting early history of Austin, remember the name already given to the land by the City Council in 1964, and honor the philanthropy of the family of Michael Butler.

Dan Garrison
David Armbrust
Judge Joe and Kay Hart
David Anderson
Terry Bray
Cliff Ernst
Tom and Carol Martine
Ben F. Vaughan
Rod Edens
Patricia Fleming
Ret. Senator Don Adams
Diana Zuniga

Jim Garrison
Gail Whitfield
Julie Valentine
Chandler Ford
Pam Akins
David Herndon
Sandy and Lottie Shapiro
Drs. Jimmy and Linda Prentice
Leonard and Ann Dolce
Judy Hyatt
Anne and John Donovan
John Oscar Robinson

Nancy Newton Robinson
Eden and Hal Box
Julia and Laurens Fish
Matt and Geri Hooks
Melissa Whitaker
Cathy Lusk
Wayne Wenske
Mark Harris
Monte & Brandi Warden
Pam Keller
David Glassco
Molly Stott
Candy Becker
Angela Clawson
Quita McMath
Jim Laughead
Kevin Holcomb
Beverly Holcomb
Kevin Dartt
Peter Cesaro
Will Dibrell
Preston Randall
Tom Gribble
Diana Patterson
Bill Patterson
Philip Breland
Amy Frederick
Roland Galang
Lynn Ann Carley
Scott Freid
Bruce Barrick
Michael Cooper
Joel Stone
Jim Plasek
Eric Layne
Paul Brown
Greg Schepens
Sue Savage
Laura Beuerlein
Sylvia Dugas
Dale Littwin
Kristi and Blake Stanford
Cathy Nabours

Geoff Gibson
Jennifer and Todd Ramberg
Jeremiah Jarrell
Jack Goodman
Charles (Chock) Woodruff, Jr., Ph.D.
Raymond Slade
James Sansom
Trevor and Amy Allen
Mike and Mavi Martine
Jeff and Julie Barnett
Robert Lyons
Larry Scott
Maline McCalla
Dudley McCalla
Glenda Rogers
Jim Rogers
Sally Miller
Trent Miller
Roy and Amy Watson
Bill and Carlotta McLean
Ed and Kathy Sims
Helen Butler Young
Bob and Ludi Butler
Jim and Michelle Martine
Mickey and Heidi Scott
Trish and Ron Huddleston
Mary Yancy
Johnna Jones
Jennifer Garrido
Cathy Trifiro
Sandra Ortiz
Patricia Fleming
Michael and Marty Butler
Russ and Linda Butler
Michael "Dick" Butler
Sophie and Brian Butler Hunt
Meta-Margret Carson
Stephen and Mollie Butler
Michael Daniel Butler
Libby Butler Santos
Mary Russell Butler
Robert Butler

As always, should you have any questions or requests, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Butler', with a stylized, cursive script.

Stephen W. Butler

A RESOLUTION

Regarding the Search for a New Director of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department

WHEREAS the purpose of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department is to provide, protect and preserve a park system that promotes recreational, cultural and outdoor experiences for the Austin community; and

WHEREAS the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department recently became the only major city in Texas and one of 73 cities nationwide that earned national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies; and

WHEREAS the Austin Parks and Recreation Department received the NRPA Gold Medal Award in 2004 recognizing the Austin Parks and Recreation Department system as the number one major metropolitan park system in the nation; and

WHEREAS in 2006 the National Recreation and Park Association awarded the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Aquatic Division the Excellence in Aquatics Award recognizing Austin as having the best Aquatic Division in the nation; and

WHEREAS the Parks and Recreation Department oversees more than 16,682 acres of land containing 206 parks, 12 preserves, more than 74 miles of hike-and-bike trails, 117 miles of lake patrol, 172 athletic fields, 90 playscapes, 17 recreation centers, 3 senior activity centers, a garden center; a nature and science center, an art center; 2 party houses, 4 museums, 6 amphitheaters; 6 golf courses; 108 tennis courts; 47 swimming pools and 2 beach-front facilities; and

WHEREAS the City of Austin will begin a process to find a director for the Parks and Recreation Department;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Austin directs the City Manager to conduct a national, state and local search for the best candidates to lead the Parks and Recreation Department in order to maintain its success, diversity and continued growth in the future; and

IN ADDITION, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Manager to ensure that the search will provide the Austin community with the opportunity to have input and access into the director selection process.

PARB



MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Board

From: Stuart Strong, Acting Director
Parks and Recreation Department

Date: February 26, 2008

Subject: Navigation Control Zone Map

In order to regulate navigation and other activities on Lake Austin, Town Lake or Lake Long, for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of all who use or enter such lakes for any purpose, the lakes are divided into navigation control zones with the regulations imposed within those zones.

The boundaries of the navigation control zones shall be shown on a map. Such a map is hereby designated as the "Navigation Control Zone Map". The navigation control zone map shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The Parks and Recreation Board shall review and comment on the effect the proposed buoy locations will have on navigational safety and recreational quality of the lake.

Stuart Strong, Acting Director
Parks and Recreation Department

PROPOSAL TO ADD DANGER BUOYS TO THE NAVIGATIONAL CONTROL ZONE MAP

SHALLOW AREA TO BE
MARKED WITH DANGER BUOYS



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SPECIAL REPORT

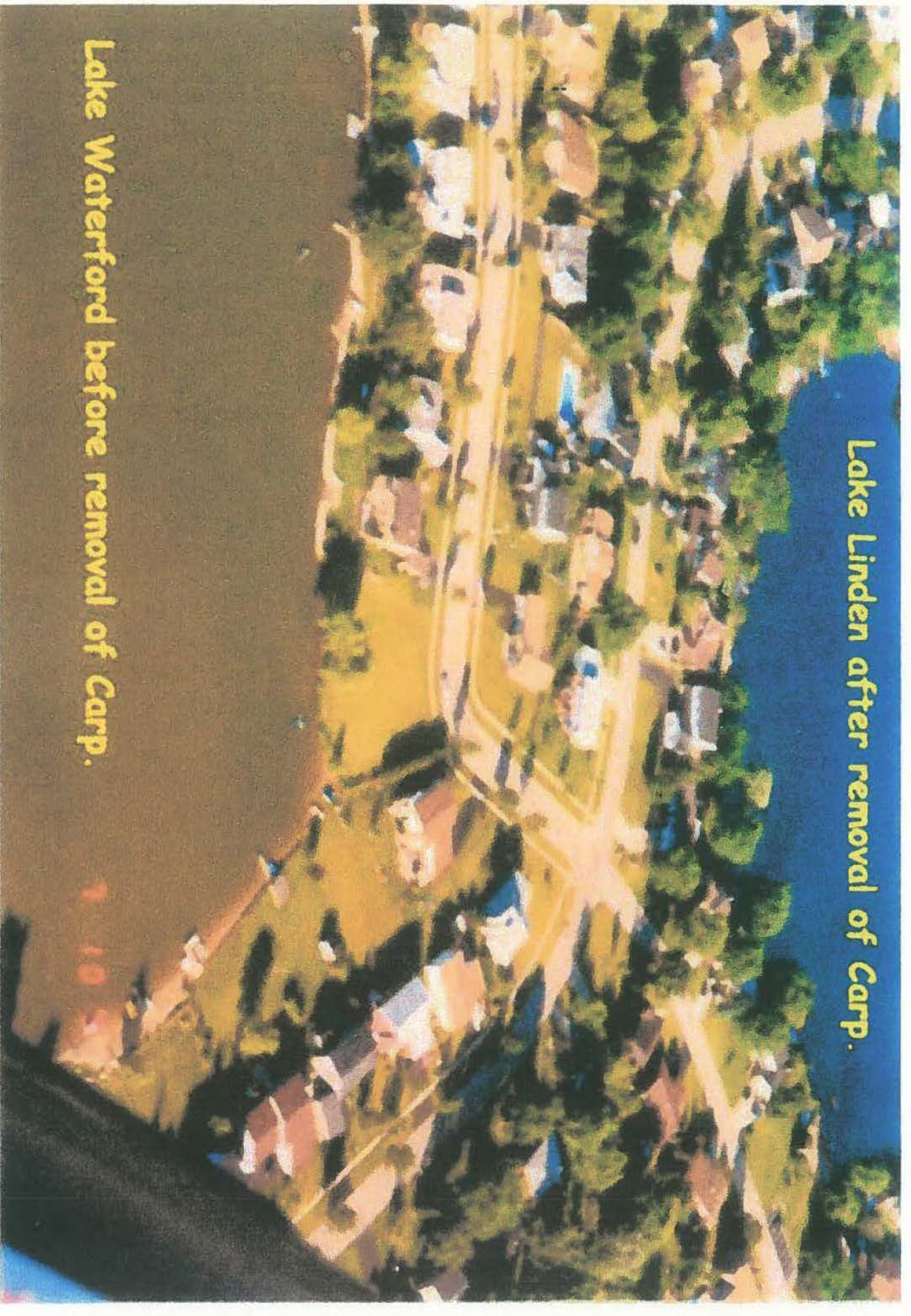
A better Lake Wingra



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The fish "exclosure" on Lake Wingra showed pretty dramatically in this Aug. 11 photo that by keeping carp out, the lake water can clear. The 2 1/2-acre exclosure is located on Edgewood College frontage, next to the pier behind the Mazzuchelli Biological Station. The vinyl curtains that create the carp-free zone are surrounded by buoys so lake users stay away from the sides of the clearing.

Lake Linden after removal of Carp.



Lake Waterford before removal of Carp.



BYLAWS OF THE Parks and Recreation Board

ARTICLE 1. NAME.

The name of the board is Parks and Recreation Board

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE AND DUTIES.

The purpose of the board is to advise the Austin City Council and City Manager on matters pertaining to the acquisition, development, sound management, maintenance and use of parks, recreational facilities and leisure services owned or controlled by the City of Austin.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP.

- (A) The board is composed of seven members appointed by the city council.
- (B) A member serves at the pleasure of the city council.
- (C) Board members serve for a term of three years beginning August 1st on the year of appointment.
- (D) An individual board member may not act in an official capacity except through the action of the board.
- (E) A board member who is absent for three consecutive regular meetings or one-third of all regular meetings in a twelve month time period automatically vacates the member's position. This does not apply to an absence due to illness or injury if the member notifies the staff liaison of the reason for the absence no later than the next meeting of the board.
- (F) At each meeting, each board member shall sign an attendance sheet which indicates that the member does not have a conflict of interest with any item on that agenda, or identifies each agenda item on which the member has a conflict of interest. If a member has a conflict of interest, the member shall file a conflict of interest statement with the staff liaison before the meeting begins and recuse himself or herself from discussing or voting on that item.
- (G) A member who seeks to resign from the board shall submit a written resignation to the chair of the board, the staff liaison, or the city clerk's office. If possible, the resignation should allow for a thirty day notice so the city council can appoint a replacement.

ARTICLE 4. OFFICERS.

- (A) The officers of the board shall consist of a chair and a vice-chair.
- (B) Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the board at the first regular meeting after August 1st.
- (C) The term of office shall be one year, beginning August and ending August of the following year. An officer may continue to serve until a successor is elected. An officer may be reelected for not more than one additional one-year term.
- (D) A member may not hold more than one office at a time.

ARTICLE 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

- (A) The chair shall preside at board meetings, appoint all committees, and represent the board at ceremonial functions.
- (B) In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall perform all duties of the chair.

ARTICLE 6. AGENDAS.

- (A) Two or more board members may place an item on the agenda by oral or written request to the staff liaison at least five days before the meeting.
- (B) The staff liaison shall prepare and distribute the agenda to the board members not less than 72 hours before the meeting.
- (C) Posting of the agenda must comply with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).

ARTICLE 7. MEETINGS.

- (A) The board meetings shall comply with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).
- (B) Board meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- (C) The board may not conduct a closed meeting without the approval of the city attorney.
- (D) The regular meeting of the board shall be held on the *fourth Tuesday of each month* at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, in the Boards and Commissions Conference Room, unless otherwise determined by the board. If the regular meeting

day is a holiday, the meeting will be held on the previous Tuesday, a week prior to the regular meeting.

- (E) The chair may call a special meeting, and the chair shall call a special meeting if requested by three or more members. The call shall state the purpose of the meeting. A notice of a special meeting must be in writing and sent to all members at least three days before the meeting.
- (F) Four members constitute a quorum.
- (G) If a quorum for a meeting does not convene within one-half hour of the posted time for the meeting, then the meeting may not be held.
- (H) To be effective, a board action must be adopted by affirmative vote of not less than the four members.
- (I) The chair has the same voting privilege as any other member.
- (J) The board shall allow citizens to address the board on agenda items and during a period of time set aside for citizen communications. The chair may limit a speaker to three minutes.
- (K) The staff liaison shall prepare the board minutes. The minutes of each board meeting must include the vote of each member on each item before the board and indicate whether a member is absent or failed to vote on an item.
- (L) The Parks and Recreation Board's staff liaison shall retain all official board documents. The documents are public records under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 552 (Texas Public Information Act).
- (M) The chair shall adjourn a meeting not later than 10 p.m., unless the board votes to continue the meeting.

ARTICLE 8. COMMITTEES.

- (A) The Board shall establish and maintain the following two standing committees:
 - 1) Navigation
 - 2) Land, Facilities and Programs

The Navigation Committee shall consist of members that are knowledgeable in navigational matters. This committee reviews docks and shoreline modifications on Lake Lady Bird, Lake Austin and Lake Walter E. Long and comments on the navigational safety of a proposed development and the effect the development will have on the recreational and natural character of the Lake.

The Land, Facilities and Programs committee shall consist of members that serve in an advisory capacity to the full board on issues of development and programs of the public parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities and the general welfare of the public parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities.

- (B) Each committee shall consist of at least three board members appointed by the chair and a staff member appointed by the director of the Parks and Recreation Department. The staff member is an ex-officio, non-voting member of the committee.
- (C) The board chair shall appoint a committee member as the committee chair, with the member's consent. The board chair shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of all standing committees.
- (D) Each standing committee shall meet on a regularly scheduled basis at least quarterly.
- (E) Each standing committee shall make an annual report to the board at the January board meeting.
- (F) The chair may, with the board's approval, appoint special committees. The chair shall provide board members with prior notice of intent to appoint a special committee.
- (G) Committee meetings must be posted in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).

ARTICLE 9. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the board in all cases to which they are applicable, except when inconsistent with these bylaws or with special rules of order which the board or city council may adopt.

ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.

A bylaw amendment is not effective unless approved by the Council Audit and Finance Committee.